

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of Application of: **Jeremy I. Levin, et al.**
 Serial No.: **unknown** Group No.: **unknown**
 Confirmation No: **Customer No. 25291**
 Filed: **Examiner:**
 For: **ALKYNYL CONTAINING HYDROXAMIC ACID
 COMPOUNDS AS MATRIX METALLOPROTEINASE AND
 TACE INHIBITORS**

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 to read as follows:

--This is a divisional of copending application(s) serial number 09/492,977 filed on January 27, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Serial No. 60/160,085 filed on January 27, 1999; the entire disclosure of each prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.—

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that this paper and the documents referred to as enclosed therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date written below in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Mailing Label Number EL909158955US addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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